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**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SOCIETY WILL BE HELD AT THE UNION JACK CLUB ON  
JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2011 STARTING AT 14.00**

**THE SUBJECT OF THE MEETING IS  
'FISCAL ISSUES'**

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### **ENCLOSURES:**

With this issue of *The Kiwi* are included:

- ❖ The Membership Renewal Form
- ❖ Annual Programme

If either is missing, please contact the Hon. Treasurer.

### **SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER**

Enclosed with this issue of *The Kiwi* is the annual membership renewal form. Please return this as soon as possible to the Honorary Treasurer

If you fail to renew your membership for 2011, we wish to **remind you** that you will not receive any further issue of *The Kiwi* until your subscription has been received.

### **SOCIETY NEWS:**

#### **MEMBERSHIP NEWS:**

##### **NEW MEMBERS:**

C. Church, London

### THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Society will be held at the Union Jack Club on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011 starting at 14.00. Terry Grouk will lead the meeting on 'Fiscal Issues'. If you have items of particular interest, please bring them along.

The meeting will be preceded by a meeting of the Committee: members will be notified of the Agenda separately.

### NEXT MEETING OF THE NORTHERN GROUP

The next meeting of the Northern Group will be held at the usual time of 12.00 at St. Luke's Church, Orrell on Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

It will be a members meeting, please bring material of your own choice: as much as you want.

### PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Society publications are now available:

SP 1: *Aspects of Collecting New Zealand Stamps*. (Out of Stock)

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### MINUTES OF THE 59<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN HELD ON NOVEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup> 2010.

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed the 14 members present.

#### 1. Minutes of the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting had been published in the January 2010 issue of *The Kiwi* and were unanimously accepted as a true record of the meeting.

#### 2. Chairmans Report and Review of 2010

The Chairman presented a review of the Society's activities during 2010:

The year has been a busy time for the Society. A sad feature was the death of a stalwart of the Society, Allan Berry, in September. From a philatelic perspective, the highspot of the year was the 2010 Festival of Stamps held in London. We were also delighted to receive a bequest from the estate of the late Captain B. J. Pratt. I should offer congratulations to the Honorary Editor who was awarded the Stanley Gibbons Cup for the best presentation to Philatelic Congress.



There has been a full programme of meetings held throughout the country. There have been six Society meetings in London: the first was a participative meeting in which those attending were invited to show their favourite sheets. This was a great success and all present expressed the wish that it should be repeated. The March meeting was due to be on the subject of early postal history but, unfortunately, the speaker, Patrick Mazelis, was not available. In his place, Andrew Dove gave a display focussing on the involvement of New Zealand in the Second South African War. The May meeting was held at the International Design Centre on the Saturday of the 2010 Festival of Stamps and was addressed by Dr. Robin Gwynn. His subject was the events of 1882 and the postal use of the Fiscals at the time. We were delighted to welcome a number of New Zealand visitors to the meeting. The July meeting covered the 1970 Pictorials and proved a real eye opener for a number of those present who were unaware of the complexity and philatelic interest of the issue. In September, we held a Philatelic Weekend in York. The arrangements were made by the Northern Group and the whole event was a great success. The venue was excellent and, as at previous weekends, the material on show superb. The weekend started with an excellent display on Captain Cook by Alwyn Peel of the Captain Cook Society. We also held the biennial 16 sheet competition and were fortunate that an internationally renowned philatelist, John Sussex agreed to act as judge. There was a total of 15 entries from 12 members: this was satisfactory but more would have been welcome.

There has also been a full range of Regional meetings this year: the Midland Group seems to have re-established itself and, although the Western Group held a meeting at Swipex, a permanent organiser is still required. The Northern and Scottish Regional Group meetings are continuing with a stable number of members being present. The Regional Meetings are greatly appreciated by those attending but, obviously, some organisation is required. Our thanks are due to all those who take the lead in organising the Regional meetings.

Plans are advancing for Stampex at 2012 which will have an Australasian focus and will, amongst other anniversaries, celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Society. As part of the celebrations, a book launch will be held for at least two, and, hopefully, three new publications by the Society.

This year has also seen the publication of Colin Capill's book on the 'O.P.S.O.' overprints. The book was jointly published by the New Zealand Society of Great Britain and the Royal Philatelic Society of New Zealand. It has been well received and sales are progressing well.

The Strategic Review group which was mentioned in my last annual review has had a number of meetings and identified the immediate priorities as to replace key officers who have expressed a wish to be replaced. They have agreed and published job descriptions for the roles. Further reports on progress will be made.

Membership has dropped a little although, on a positive aspect, we have welcomed 11 new members this year. Currently, there are 273, a fall of 10 from last year.

The thanks of all members are due to those who work behind the scenes to ensure that the New Zealand Society of Great Britain remains successful. The Society depends on the commitment of the Hon. Secretary, the Hon. Packet Secretary and the Hon. Editor. I would encourage anybody who is interested in becoming involved in the organisation of the Society to make contact with a member of the Committee.

### **3. Financial Report from the Hon. Treasurer (Derek Diamond)**

Copies of the Annual Accounts were circulated.

Financially, this year had been satisfactory with the Society showing a small surplus of £508 for the year. This is reduced from a surplus of £2,500 last year. As usual, in addition to the income from subscriptions, the auction and the Packet had made substantial contributions to income. As for last year, the income from interest remains minimal. The cost of *The Kiwi* and its distribution continues to increase: this year, another regular advertiser has taken space and helped to defray costs of production.

This year, the Committee also identified a Publications budget. This is designed to provide capital for the production of new publications and it is expected that this will be replenished by income derived from sales as the new publications become available.

The annual accounts were accepted unanimously: Proposed by Brian Stonestreet and seconded by Keith Collins.

Last year, there was some discussion about the need to increase the subscription. The Committee had discussed this and a number of factors were considered:

- The subscription had remained unchanged since January 2005
- The small surplus for 09/10 is forecast to become a deficit in 10/11
- The long term financial objective is to retain a healthy balance sheet with sufficient funds to withstand unforeseen shocks and to retain the ability to innovate.
- It would not be prudent to increase dependence on non-subscription income to cover rising costs.

**Taking these factors into account, the Committee has recommended that the subscription be increased to £20 per annum. The increase will take effect from 2012. The Treasurer agreed with the proposal and recommended its acceptance.**

The recommendation was accepted unanimously: Proposed by Derek Diamond and seconded by Keith Collins.

The Treasurer also wished to thank John Smith for his usual sterling work as Hon. Auditor.

### **4. Report from the Hon. Packet Secretary (Bernard Atkinson):**

Bernard Atkinson presented his accounts to the meeting.

He reported that this year had seen a disappointing volume of material passing through the packet. The gross income had remained nearly constant although there had been an increase in the cost of insurance. Currently, 70 members take the packet and 10-12 contribute material for sale. The Packet Secretary suggested that vendors might be allowed to enter material but decline to take the Packet insurance. There was some discussion but no conclusion. This suggestion will be discussed at the Committee and brought back to the next AGM if it is thought to be feasible.

Bernard concluded by requesting more material and exhorting all users to carefully follow the rules.

The Packet Accounts were accepted unanimously. Proposed by John Stimson, seconded by Dean Curtis.

### **5. Report from the Hon. Library Liaison Officer (Michael Wilkinson):**

Michael circulated copies of his report to the meeting.

This has been a year of consolidation with 8 new books added to the collection. The Society's journals have also been integrated into the library and some gaps that have become apparent are being filled. There are now 250 items explicitly about New Zealand philately in the NPS online catalogue at [www.ukphilately.org.uk/nps](http://www.ukphilately.org.uk/nps).

The NPS is sending its journals from 1980-1990 to its store in Wokingham. Anybody wishing to consult such a publication should give 3-4 weeks notice to allow retrieval.

This year, the Society made more than £300 from the sale of surplus copies of CP Bulletin and Newsletter which were obtained on their disposal from the NPS library.

Work on preparing a Guide to all the material in the library pertaining to New Zealand and the Pacific Islands has continued. When ready, it will be available through the Society's website.

Plans to move the Library to Swindon continue to develop. Recently, the Heritage Lottery Fund has offered a grant to assist in developing the proposals in detail with the offer of a further grant, subject to further scrutiny, to implement the plan.

## **6. Election of Officers of the Society**

The outgoing committee had all agreed to stand for re-election:

President	John Smith
Chairman (E)	Derek Diamond
Vice Chairman	John Stimson
General Secretary (E)	Keith Collins
Editor of <i>The Kiwi</i> (E)	Andrew Dove
Packet Secretary	Bernard Atkinson
Treasurer (E)	Derek Diamond
Auctioneer	Brian Stonestreet
Honorary Library Liaison Officer	Michael Wilkinson
Membership Secretary	Derek Diamond
Publicity Officer	Paul Wreglesworth
Auditor	John Smith

Additional members of the Committee were proposed as follows:

Northern Group Secretary – Jack Lindley

Scottish Group Organiser – Ken Andison

The proposed Committee was elected unanimously. Proposed: Alexander McCulloch and seconded: Graham Brown.

## **7. Any Other Business:**

There was some discussion about the possibility of raising the Society profile by the use of leaflets and other publicity material at Stamp Shows and Fairs. The Committee will discuss this further.

There was also a discussion about the Society providing an Estate Management service to assist in the disposal of collections. The concept has not been fully developed yet and will be further discussed by the Future Strategy group.

The Chairman reminded those present that replacements are currently being sought for a number of Officers of the Society.

The meeting closed at 12.10.

## **MEETINGS OF THE NORTHERN GROUP DURING 2011**

During 2011, the Northern Regional Group will meet on February 12<sup>th</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup>, September 10<sup>th</sup> and November 12<sup>th</sup>.

There will also be a joint meeting with the Scottish Group in Carlisle on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011.

**New Zealand Society of Great Britain**  
**Income & Expenditure for Year ended 30.9.2010**

<b>Brought forward 1.10.09</b>	<b>2008-2009</b>	<b>2009-2010</b>	
Library Account	2,287.09	2,287.09	
Current account	3,888.83	6,458.41	
Deposit account	<u>29,000.00</u>	<u>35,175.92</u>	<u>29,000.00</u> <u>37,745.50</u>
<b><u>Income</u></b>			
Interest on deposits	701.24		198.16
Received from Packet a/c	2,000.00		2,000.00
Auction: Sales		7,432.28	
Less costs		158.34	
Less vendor payments	993.18	<u>6,123.50</u>	1,150.44
Subscriptions: received	3,954.12	4,193.64	
Donation		<u>100.00</u>	4,293.64
Publications: sales (a)		1,273.97	
Less costs	<u>836.13</u>	<u>1,477.45</u>	(-203.48)
Total Income	8,484.67		7,438.76
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>			
Kiwi: Printing		3,035.00	
Postage		1,955.66	
Less advertisements inc.	3,933.26	<u>(-700.00)</u>	4,290.66
Meeting costs		1,823.05	
Less raffle	1,277.19	<u>7.00</u>	1,816.05
Society costs: Officers Expenses		575.14	
ABPS and NZ Fed.	<u>704.64</u>	<u>248.50</u>	<u>823.64</u>
Total Expenditure	5,915.09		6,930.35
Surplus (deficit)	<u>2,569.58</u>		<u>508.41</u>
	<u>8,484.67</u>		<u>7,438.76</u>
<b>Carried forward 30.9.09</b>		<b>Carried forward 30.9.10</b>	
Library Fund	2,287.09		2,247.09
Publications	-		7,658.00
Current a/c	6,458.41		3,348.82
Deposit a/c	<u>29,000.00</u>		<u>25,000.00</u>
	<u>37,745.50</u>		<u>38,253.91</u>

Audited and found correct in accordance with the papers and statements produced to me.

J.A.W. Smith ACIS Hon. Auditor



**New Zealand Society of Great Britain**  
**Packet Account – Year Ending 30.9.2010**

<b><u>Income</u></b>	<b><u>2010</u></b>	<b><u>2009</u></b>
Gross Income from Packet Sales	9,321.29	9,922
Insurance levy	994.90	955
	10,316.19	10,877
Deducts payments received but not remitted to owners 30.9.10	4,157.52	3,657
	6,158.67	7,220
Add payments received and held over at 30.9.08	3,657.19	4,690
	9,815.86	11,910
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>		
Cheques to Members	7,696.17	8,933
Postage, Telephone, Printing and Stationery	195.27	232
Insurance 2009/2010	740.86	673
Advance payment of insurance for 2009/2010	212.00	212
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	8,844.30	10,050
<b>Profit for year</b>	971.56	1,860
	9,815.86	11,910
<b><u>Summary</u></b>		
Balance brought forward 1.10.08	291.63	432
Add Profit for year	971.56	1,860
	1,263.19	2,292
Deduct transfer to General Society funds	1,250.00	2,000
	13.19	292
Add amount due to Members 30.9.08	4,157.52	3,657
	4,170.71	3,949
<b><u>Represented by:</u></b>		
Current Account	5,420.71	5,949
Less in transit to General Fund	1,250.00	2,000
	<u>4,170.71</u>	<u>3,949</u>

The packet Account has been audited and found correct in accordance with the books and papers produced to me. Note that the cheques to members figures takes account of the insurance levy (£225 in 2009/10 and £333 in 2008/9). J. A. W. Smith, FCIB, ACIS, Hon. Auditor

**Packet Secretary's Report:**

Some members fail to follow the Packet rules and I would urge members to pay particular attention to: (a) Phoning ahead, (b) Noting that this has been done on the remittance slip and, (c) Sending the packet by First Class Mail. If an insurance claim is to be made it is imperative that these actions have been carried out to the letter and recorded. If the correct procedure has not been followed and the insurance claim is rejected, the member concerned would be responsible for any consequential loss.

Bernard Atkinson



## RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL SOCIETY AUCTION

The auction on 27 November was successful. Total sales exceeded £10,000 compared to £7,500 in 2009. The Society thanks:

Brian Stonestreet	: Auctioneer
Andrew Dove	: Compiling Auction catalogue
Lewis Giles	: Display of lots
Keith Collins and Michael O'Keefe	: Handling of lots during auction
David Goodgame	: Recording
John Stimson	: Collecting payments and sending lots to postal bidders
Derek and Esmé Diamond	: Printing auction catalogues, recording auction, collecting payments and settling with vendors

And all vendors for their participation

Lot	£	Lot	£	Lot	£	Lot	£	Lot	£	Lot	£	Lot	£	Lot	£
A	9	2	100	91	50	164	15	237	20	317	10	367	18	415	9
B	1	3	25	93	50	165	65	242	32	318	6	368	30	417	10
D	1	4	85	94	28	167	11	247	50	320	5	370	40	418	9
F	1	10	265	95	35	168	18	249	25	323	11	371	15	419	13
H	5	15	12	98	90	171	18	251	200	324	9	372	90		
I	20	21	10	101	26	172	18	252	190	325	8	373	80		
J	8	22	375	103	34	173	18	254	90	327	10	376	20		
K	1	23	80	104	10	174	18	257	15	328	5	378	80		
L	5	24	17	107	25	180	50	258	11	329	5	379	10		
M	1	29	15	109	6	181	50	265	50	330	3	380	19		
N	15	35	300	112	35	182	35	266	60	331	3	381	30		
O	6	36	100	114	31	188	12	267	85	332	5	382	45		
P	14	37	75	115	36	190	70	268	220	333	6	385	35		
Q	1	38	45	117	30	196	90	269	220	334	5	386	37		
R	4	50	40	118	80	199	7	270	85	335	4	387	10		
S	12	53	190	119	80	201	65	273	50	340	13	388	9		
T	9	55	80	120	130	202	45	282	30	341	10	389	10		
U	8	56	140	122	25	203	55	289	75	342	13	390	20		
V	35	58	215	124	110	205	35	290	70	343	8	391	10		
W	21	60	140	126	240	206	90	291	70	344	5	392	10		
X	9	61	140	130	20	209	42	292	70	345	4	393	18		
Y	10	73	22	135	65	213	120	295	65	346	5	394	5		
Z	3	75	25	137	8	214	130	296	150	347	6	395	6		
AA	8	77	19	139	14	215	40	297	130	348	5	398	50		
BB	5	78	26	140	14	220	40	298	425	349	6	399	30		
CC	24	79	26	141	14	221	40	305	170	350	20	401	130		
DD	22	80	8	142	15	223	100	306	14	351	3	405	3		
EE	8	81	8	143	15	226	10	307	4	352	8	406	18		
FF	46	82	14	144	30	227	75	308	6	353	5	407	10		
GG	8	83	4	154	310	231	30	309	11	354	7	409	11		
HH	23	84	5	155	55	232	15	310	7	356	7	410	23		
II	4	87	10	160	160	233	42	313	6	358	4	411	9		
JJ	6	88	70	162	19	234	30	314	6	359	6	412	10		
KK	7	89	10	163	9	235	25	315	5	365	20	413	11		

Lots not shown were unsold.

## **NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MIDLAND REGIONAL GROUP HELD ON OCTOBER 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

Derek Diamond ventured north for the meeting to show his short display (54 sheets) entitled 'An Introduction to Chalons'. His accompanying talk covered four phases: where did the design come from?, Imperforate stamps, the three different printers and, finally, the perforated stamps.

The stamp design was taken from the portrait of the young Queen Victoria in ceremonial robes by A. E. Chalon, hence the name, but only the head and shoulders were used. The original plate and first printing of stamps were produced by Perkins, Bacon & Company and shipped to New Zealand. Included in the display were photocopies of the original tender and invoice, both for just over £500 – the invoice being just £13 high. Other items of particular interest included many covers and stamps from all periods some showing various attempts at perforating the imperforate sheet, covers with the 2d stamp (the postage rate from source to the coast) plus manuscript contract marks of 6d and 8d for carriage to the UK. J. Richardson and, later, J. Davies printed further issues on blued paper, white unwatermarked paper and then on white paper with Large Star watermark. At the same time, Perkins Bacon supplied a second plate to replace a worn first plate. There were also some very attractive covers including examples with multiple stamp frankings (one with 12 x 2d blues), a cover from the UK with an added 2d blue to pay a re-direction fee, blued paper examples, a cover addressed in Maori as well as examples of retouches and repairs made in New Zealand – some rather carelessly.

For part two of the afternoons proceedings, those present displayed their offerings.

**Terry Hancox** started with some pages of the 1925 Dunedin Exhibition 4d stamp which was part of his plating study of the three values and which he had turned into a 200 page book. The 1d value had been produced first, then the ½d plate had been manufactured by excising the value tablet and adding a sticker showing the new value. The same procedure had been used to produce the 4d plate. This leads to varieties common to all three values in addition to value specific flaws. Terry has produced a very comprehensive study.

**John Potter** must have had a psychic moment for he also displayed interesting ephemera from the 1925 Dunedin Exhibition. This included printed stationery, a wooden postcard with the exhibition stamp and cancel, the programme and official souvenir book, all in very good condition.

**Mike Smith** displayed some modern booklets from 2003 to date showing usage of free space for marketing and to provide other information. He also showed the Kiwi no value booklet produced as a limited edition item and the first reprint of the Otago self-stick booklet in which he had discovered a white figure in the background which was not present in the original.

**Laurence Kimpton** showed some Pacific airmail covers with a New Zealand connection mainly from the post-war period when converted Sunderlands were used at first, then Solents and then DC-6's and jets.

**Richard Gillam** and **Ian Samuel** showed their meagre collections of Chalons – Richard in cover form, one having a very neat strip of 3 x 2d blues in good condition, while Ian had one imperforate and a number of perforated stamps up to 1/- in value, unfortunately, not the 4d rose. Other items between them include a N.Z. cover with a 'Damaged by Seawater' cachet from a wreck off the Canadian coast and a postcard of Birmingham Law Courts posted to a local address in Kati Kati (near Tauranga), a very small place, in 1906 with a ½d Mount Cook stamp.

Ian Samuel thanked Derek for a most interesting display which gave all those present something to think about and also thanked all those who brought material along to share.

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## **NOTES OF THE SCOTTISH GROUP MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2010**

Ten members of the Scottish Group gathered for our autumn meeting at the home of Ken Andison in Clarkeston, Glasgow on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Once everybody had assembled, we all partook an excellent buffet lunch before settling down to the main business of the day, an enjoyable afternoon of New Zealand stamps.

As usual, we started with member's recent acquisitions. As always, these were varied and interesting.

Material shown included **John Studholme** brought two photograph albums of James Mackay's pictures of New Zealand Post Offices and **Bob Clark** some nice New Zealand air mail covers to Switzerland.

Our host, **Ken Andison** started the main displays with a comprehensive selection of the 1936 Second Pictorials. Included were a wide range of errors (with an example of the R 3/5 8d Tuatara with its tongue sticking out), blocks and overprints.

**John Studholme** brought along a selection of stamps from 50 and 25 years ago. Many stamps in this fascinating display caught the eye, including a 1960 1/3 Brown Trout with a pronounced brown colour shift.

**Alexander McCulloch** showed a wide selection of stamps from the King George VI era. There were many highlights in this superb collection which included a block of 6 of the 1d Otago Centennial with the missing hand error.

**David Stalker** contributed a wide ranging collection of 2010 commemorative stamps which included miniature sheets, covers and even stickers. There was everything one could wish for from an attractive ANZAC sheet and a cover for the London 2010 Festival of Stamps to a Shanghai China World Expo miniature sheet which was printed on both sides.

**Keith Walker** continued the contemporary theme with a nice selection which included the butterfly shaped Health miniature sheet.

**Bob Clark** was next with a display of New Zealand Internal Airmails. This was a comprehensive collection of covers which ranged from an emergency mail flight cover sent from the Hawke's Bay Earthquake in 1931 to an attractive 1932 Gisborne Air Transport cover which had been signed by the pilot.

**Michael Kirwan** displayed a selection of 1970 definitives featuring a variety of errors. Some of the many highlights were a 3c strip printed on double paper due to a reel join and a spectacular 8c with blue and green omitted.

**David Edwards** showed an interesting selection of exhibition stamps. He displayed a wide range including a Royal Philatelic Society cover from 1988.

**David McGill** brought along a selection of postcards and covers that connected Clarkeston in Glasgow to New Zealand with a blue triangle forces air letter particularly catching the eye.

**James Smith** completed the displays with an interesting sports themed collection.

The next meeting of the Society will be at Perth on Saturday April 16<sup>th</sup> 2011 during Scottish Congress. Details of the Autumn meeting will be published in *The Kiwi*.

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## **NEW CO-ORDINATOR FOR THE SCOTTISH GROUP**

From January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011, Ken Andison will be the co-ordinator of the Scottish Group.

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## **NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NORTHERN GROUP HELD ON NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2010**

Eight members were present and apologies had been received from a further three. This was a members meeting and the displays were given as follows:

**Jack Lindley:** Royal Visits to New Zealand from 1901 to 1954. The display included postcards, covers and stamps.

**John Hepworth:** World War I mail, starting with mail from Egypt. From May 1915 to February 1916, mail could be posted without stamps provided it was franked by an officer. This led to a great variety of different cachets which were shown. Included were the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion N.Z.R.B. and included individual named officers such as J. Jenkins Capt., J.O.Scott Lieut W.M.R. These were followed by a card dated March 1916 which had been endorsed O.A.S. which now allowed free postage. Transport ship mail Troopships 31 and 32 and some hospital ship mail from the Mirama and Maheno. John concluded with two photocopies showing early Airmail Letter Cards with NEW ZEALAND printed on them: nobody present had seen these before and we would be grateful for further information.

**Paul Wreglesworth:** Second Sideface covers showing use of the 8d stamp, including a single, a pair and the value used in combination with other stamps. The study included information about postal rates between 1884 and 1906 which has been difficult to gather. These rates were illustrated by a range of covers to varied destinations including England, Denmark, Germany, Italy, France and the USA including some registered examples.

**John Atkinson** showed the complete range of 2009 issues. The range of subjects were impressive from A Tiki Tour to Giants of New Zealand via the Year of the Ox and Lighthouses. Those present agreed that they were very colourful stamps but perhaps there were rather a lot of them!

**Dave Tetley:** items associated with Sir Edmund Hilary including a signed photograph, newspaper cuttings, various covers, memorial mini sheets from Paula and Guinea Bissau, one of twelve copies of the N.Z. Timpex mini sheet. He also displayed a proof sheet of the 1990 Cinderella, the original artwork for the sheet and the original portrait of Hilary used on the sheet: a very beautiful collection. Dave then showed the N.Z. Tibetan Flag CAL which was withdrawn by NZ Post.

**Stuart Potter:** Cinderellas such as the King and Empire, railway poster stamps and booklet from 1916, examples of the 1938 Tourist Department labels. He finished with cinderellas showing the Scout Jamboree, Road Safety, Timaru Herald microflight, pigeon flights and the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Christchurch Exhibition.

The meeting was another excellent session with an interesting range of material which finished at 14.35.

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### **SOCIETY PROGRAMME FOR 2011**

During 2011, the following Society meetings will be held in London:

January 29<sup>th</sup>: Fiscal Issues

March 26<sup>th</sup>: Biennial 12 sheet competition

May 28<sup>th</sup>: 11 a.m.: Some guidance on competition entries; 14.00: My Favourite Sheets

July 30<sup>th</sup>: Private Posts and Postal Operators

September 24<sup>th</sup>: To be arranged

November 26<sup>th</sup>: Annual General Meeting and Auction

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## **INFORMATION RECEIVED:**

### **MEDIA RELEASES**

#### **'NEW ZEALAND – A SLICE OF HEAVEN' STAMP RELEASE**

**1 October 2010**

*If you tried to capture a day in the life of New Zealand on something the size of a postage stamp, you might end up with this....*

'New Zealand – A Slice of Heaven' stamps, released by New Zealand Post on 6 October, takes people on a journey through the experiences and sights of Aotearoa, New Zealand.

The 25 x 60c stamps reflect New Zealand's culture, heritage and various iconic locations. Each stamp shows a distinct snapshot of the country and together the stamps form a unique image that captures a day in the life of New Zealand.

New Zealand Post Stamps General Manager, Ivor Masters, said: 'The stamps creatively convey the distinctive kiwi culture and diverse landscapes that have led the New Zealanders to refer to this beautiful nation as 'A Slice of Heaven'.

100 activities that you can expect to find in heaven:

*One Tree Hill. Tāne Mahuta, our oldest tree. The Beehive. Christchurch Cathedral. The Octagon. Champagne Pools. Stone Store, our oldest European stone building. Te Mata Peak. Lake Taupo. Huka Falls. The House where the Treaty of Waitangi was signed. Oriental Bay Fountain. Sky Tower, our tallest building. The Basin Reserve. Old Parliament Building. A Kiwi. The Remarkables. A Waka. The Bridge of Remembrance. Mount Victoria. Our national game. A one-lane bridge. A Humpback Whale. 3 Flags. The Earnslaw. A man on a bike. Moeraki Boulders. A Biplane. 6 utes. 2 tractors. A hang glider. A Marae. 5 swimming pools.*





*A bull. St Pauls Cathedral. America's Cup yacht KZ1. The River Avon. Mount Ruapehu. A Hawke's Bay vineyard. Mud Pools. The Cable Car. Motutaiko Island. Nugget Point. The Waikato River. Coronet Peak. Shed 11 and 13. A war memorial. 2 helicopters. Fairfield Bridge. Aoraki (Mount Cook). 2 ambulances. Auckland Ferry Terminal. A Marlin. 2 Wellington trolley buses. Prince's Wharf. Shotover Jet. A game of bowls. Titahi Bay boatsheds. A giant chessboard. A tow truck. Lake Wakatipu. A dunny. 2 cribs. 7 horses. A glider. A tinny. 2 mountaineers. 3 hot air balloons. A coffee shop. 2 netballers. A barbecue. A Powhiri (Māori welcome). Sheep.*

The format is a sheet of 25 stamps. The stamps and first day cover were designed by Assignment Group, Wellington and printed in offset lithography by Southern Colour Print of Dunedin. The products will be available from all New Zealand Postshops, REAL Aotearoa stores in Auckland, Christchurch and Wellington and Wanganui Collectables and Solutions Centre from 6 October 2010.



## FIFTY YEARS OF CHRISTMAS STAMPS

15 October 2010

New Zealand Post is marking its 50<sup>th</sup> year of Christmas-themed stamps by replicating five images from popular past releases.

Four of the stamps show traditional Christmas themes: the Virgin Mary and baby Jesus (\$2.90 stamp), the Star of Bethlehem (\$2.40 stamp), stained glass windows from New Zealand churches (\$1.20 stamp) and 'The Adoration of the Shepherds', a classical painting by Rembrandt (60 cent).

The fifth stamp in the series, the \$1.90 stamp, depicts New Zealand's own 'Christmas tree', the Pohutakawa, along the Thames-Coromandel coast.

'Over the past 50 years New Zealand Post's Christmas stamps have adorned envelopes carrying messages of Christmas cheers to loved one sat home and abroad,' says Ivor Masters, New Zealand Post's General Manager Stamps. 'Christmas 2010 will be no different. As people all over the world prepare for Christmas in various ways, we are honoured to release this very special 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary issue of Christmas stamps.'

The Christmas 2010 stamp range includes 5 gummed stamps, two self-adhesive stamps (60c and \$1.90), a first day cover and a self-

adhesive dispenser box.

In addition to the Christmas 2010 stamp range, New Zealand Post is also releasing its Niue Christmas 2010 stamp range. This range is being issued on behalf of the Niue Philatelic and Numismatic Company and the Niuean Government, and depicts traditional Nativity images.

The Niue Christmas 2010 range includes 4 stamps (30c, \$1.40, \$2.00 and \$4.00) and a first day cover.

The New Zealand range of stamps and first day cover were designed by Hamish Thompson, Wellington and printed in offset lithography by Southern Colour Print of Dunedin.

The New Zealand Christmas 2010 range of stamps is available from the usual outlets from 20 October 2010.

The Niue Christmas 2010 range is available from the Wanganui Collectables and Solutions Centre and online from [www.nzpost.co.nz/stamps](http://www.nzpost.co.nz/stamps) from 20 October 2010.



## STAMPS MARK 100 YEARS OF SURF LIFE SAVING

22 October 2010



On 3 November 2010 New Zealand Post is releasing a commemorative stamp issue to mark 100 Years of Surf Life Saving.

The 100 Years of Surf Life Saving stamp issue, which has been developed in affiliation with Surf Life Saving New Zealand (SLSNZ), includes five stamps depicting heroic volunteers in action – patrolling beaches, and rescuing swimmers in heavy surf on beaches across New Zealand.

The 60c stamp shows a lifeguard on duty with a rescue tube, and an Inflatable Rescue Boat (IRB) is shown on the \$1.20 stamp.

The \$1.90 stamp features ski paddlers in the Surf Life Saving Championships, and a women's surf boat crew is the focus of the \$2.40 stamp.

Finally, a March Past team from the 1930's appears on the \$2.90 stamp.

The 100 Years of Surf Life Saving range includes a collectable first day cover and a presentation pack. The stamps are being launched at a private event at Parliament in Wellington, New Zealand, on Wednesday 3 November 2010.



On 12 November, New Zealand Post is also releasing its Palmpex 2010 stamp issue. The issue is being released to mark the 2010 New Zealand National Stamp Exhibition, the Palmpex 2010 Stamp Show, which is taking place from 12 to 14 November in Palmerston North, New Zealand. New Zealand Post is the major sponsor of the show.

The Palmpex 2010 range includes a special exhibition miniature sheet and a souvenir first day cover. The products feature an image of the iconic Te Aiti wind farm in Manawatu, and three \$1.50 Round Kiwi stamps – a perennial favourite with philatelists.

The 100 Years of Life Saving stamps and first day cover has been designed by Creature of Wellington and printed in offset lithography by Cartor Security Printing of France. They will be available from the usual outlets from 3 November 2010.

The Palmpex miniature sheet and first day cover have been designed by Stamps Business of Wellington and printed in offset lithography by Southern Colour Print of Dunedin. They will be available from Palmpex 2010 Stamp Show as well as **the usual outlets from 12 December 2010.**



## ROSS DEPENDENCY STAMPS HIGHLIGHT WHALES OF THE SOUTHERN OCEAN

9 December 2010



The latest Ross Dependency stamp issue to be released by New Zealand Post on 17 November 2010 recognises five whales found in the Ross Dependency area of the Southern Ocean.

The Ross Dependency 2010: Whales of the Southern Ocean stamp range includes five stamps, with the 60c stamp featuring the largest toothed predator on Earth, the Sperm whale.

The Minke whale, which is the smallest of the rorquals, appears on the \$1.20 stamp, and the fastest of the rorquals, the Sei whale, is on the \$1.90 stamp.

The \$2.40 stamp showcases the 'wolf of the sea' – the Killer whale.

Finally the fifth stamp in the series, the \$2.90 stamp, depicts the acrobatic Humpback whale.

The Ross Dependency 2010: Whales of the Southern Ocean stamp range also includes a miniature sheet, a first day cover, a miniature sheet first day cover and a presentation pack.

In addition to the Ross Dependency 2010: Whales of the Southern Ocean range, New Zealand Post is also releasing its Niue 'Whale Watching' stamp range. This range is being issued on behalf of the Niue Philatelic and Numismatic Company and the Niuean Government, and features photographic images of the Humpback whale, which is regularly seen in the waters surrounding Niue.

The Niue 'Whale Watching' stamp range includes four stamps (80c, \$1.20, \$1.40 and \$2.00), a miniature sheet, a first day cover and a miniature sheet first day cover.

The Ross Dependency: Whales of the Southern Ocean stamps and first day cover have been designed by Tim Garman, Silver-i Design Associated of Whanganui and printed in offset lithography by Southern Colour Print of Dunedin. The range will be available from the usual outlets from 17 November 2010.

The Niue 'Whale Watching' range is available from the Wanganui Collectables and Solutions Centre and online from [www.nzpost.co.nz/stamps](http://www.nzpost.co.nz/stamps) from 17 November 2010.



#### PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED

##### *"Post Office Buildings in the Central North Island"*

*A nostalgic journey through the central North Island of New Zealand from North to South providing an archival record of the many past, and now few, buildings constructed by the Post Office*

**Author: Ivan Clulee. Pub. Postal History Society of New Zealand Inc. P.O.Box 77-050, Mt. Albert, Auckland 1350, New Zealand. Handbook No. 56. Size A4, Pp. 84. Plastic comb bound. B&W Illustrations. ISBN 978-0-908588-83-1. Price NZ\$27 (P&P free in NZ, extra elsewhere)**

This is the companion book to the same authors '*Post Office Buildings in the Lower North Island*' and '*Post Office Buildings of the South Island*' which were reviewed in the May 2008 and September 2009 issues of *The Kiwi*.

The format is the same as the two previous volumes with an account of the history of Post Office Buildings in the Postal Districts of Thames, Tauranga, Rotorua and Hamilton. Details of each building are given with a lot of contemporary photographs and historic postcards.

As the previous volumes, this charts the rise and fall of an important institution in New Zealand history. The development of the Post Office followed the opening up of the land and the closure and abandonment of offices reflected changing usage and population drifts.

The old postcards are a delight: a number of the cards include portraits of the Post Office staff. There is an almost palpable sense of pride in their involvement in this proud institution. Memories of a more leisured time.

There are also a number of surprises in the pages, for example, Putarara Post Office was rebuilt in 1970 and, because of the shape of the site, the new building was circular.

Overall, as with the other parts, this is well worth reading and I would recommend the book.

A.D.





**'Stanley Gibbons Commonwealth Stamp Catalogue: New Zealand'**

Soft bound. Fully illustrated in Colour. ISBN-13: 978-0-85259-791-0. Price £22.50.

This is the fourth edition of SG's specialist New Zealand catalogue. The third edition was published in 2009. The most immediate change is the reduction in size from A4 (29.5 x 21cms) to a smaller format (24 x 17cms.). At the same time, the number of pages has increased from 70 to 148.

As before, the catalogue lists the issues of Tokelau, Ross Dependency and the pre-independence issues of the Cook Islands, Aitutaki, Penrhyn Island, Niue and Western Samoa.

More than 100 new stamps are illustrated and 45 additional booklets are illustrated. A number of varieties are shown for the first time. As usual, prices have been revised with some significant alterations.

The production standards are excellent, as expected, and this is an essential addition to the bookshelf for all collectors of New Zealand stamps.

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**CHRISTCHURCH PHILATELIC SOCIETY CENTENNIAL STAMP EXHIBITION**  
**18 – 20 NOVEMBER 2011**

The prospectus and Newsletter No. 2 has now been issued for this exhibition which will be the 2011 New Zealand National Stamp Exhibition.

The event will be run by members of Canpex Incorporated and the Christchurch Philatelic Society. It will be held in the Student Union Building at the University of Canterbury under the Patronage of the New Zealand Philatelic Federation.

The prospectus confirms that all classes of entry, including the adult development class introduced at Palmplex, will be available and also outlines the regulations for those proposing to enter. A new class, 'Modern Traditional Experimental', will also be introduced. The purpose of the new class is to encourage collectors of modern material to exhibit stamp issues from the last 50 years and be judged within the class definitions.

Newsletter No. 2 gives details of the philatelic souvenirs available so far.

For further information, please contact CPS100, P. O. Box 18-914, Christchurch 8641, New Zealand. Email: [canpex@paradise.net.nz](mailto:canpex@paradise.net.nz).

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**NOTE ON A PREVIOUS ARTICLE:**

**EXPRESS DELIVERY**

**GERALD ELLOTT**

I was interested to read the article by Bob Odenweller on this subject in a recent issue of *The Kiwi* (1).

With regard to the specifics of the service, further information is available from three main sources:

- The Postage Stamps of New Zealand (Volume II). Pp. 173 - 176
- Elliott GD 'Express Delivery' *The Mail-Coach* (1985). Vol. 21 No.6. P. 260
- 'History of New Zealand Postal Rates and Charges from 1840'. Ed. By A. McNiven and published by the Postal Division, Post Office Headquarters, Wellington, New Zealand (?1981).

There are two particular points in the original article that the two latter publications clarify.

**1. 'As a result, a decision was made to keep the service internal'**

Reference to a letter in the Post Office Archives (P&T 1938/2868 – **EXPRESS SERVICE 1/10/1938**) as reported in my article in *The Mail-Coach* suggested that the service did not remain internal. The extract reads:

<i>'6d. Bahamas</i>	<i>Malta</i>
<i>Bermuda</i>	<i>Nigeria</i>
<i>British Guiana</i>	<i>Nyasaland</i>
<i>Ceylon</i>	<i>Palestine</i>
<i>Eire</i>	<i>Papua (Port Moresby)</i>
<i>Gibraltar</i>	<i>Sierra Leone (Freetown only)</i>
<i>Kenya, Uganda, Tanganyika</i>	<i>Trans Jordan</i>
<i>Gambia (Bathurst only)</i>	<i>Union of South Africa</i>

*The fee to be charged in addition to ordinary postage on 'Express Delivery' letters to the countries mentioned is 6d. Generally speaking delivery is restricted to Principal offices only.*

*AE 23/9/38'*

**2. 'Express delivery stamps and the provision for express services ceased on 30 June 1948'**

Reference: 'History of NZ Postal Rates and Charges from 1840' – Table 27. This makes it clear that, although the service was suspended for the public in 1942, it continued to be available for pathological specimens:

16.1.1942	Service Suspended
1.8.1942	Service restored for urgent pathological specimens addressed to hospitals or hospital laboratories in certain centres at the 1939 rates
16.9.1942	Service extended to Wanganui and two doctors at 1939 rates
10.7.1967	Service restricted to packages containing urgent pathological specimens addressed to hospitals or hospital laboratories (includes details of rates)
2.2.1976 – 2.2.1987	Details of rates until the last date when it was \$1.80 per article

Reference:

1. Odenweller RP 'Express Delivery with other Services' *The Kiwi* (2010). Vol. 59 No. 5. Pp. 107-110.

**ORIGINAL CONTRIBUTIONS:**

**DELAYED BY THE CENSORS IN NEW ZEALAND**

**ROBERT CLARK**

I recently bought two censored covers postmarked in New Zealand and addressed to a Captain Oxrieder in the Canal Zone. One was postmarked in Christchurch in September 1940 while the other was postmarked in St. Kilda (a suburb of Dunedin) in November 1940. The interesting thing about them is that they have been sealed by the second kind of censor tape that did not come into use until April 1941 (1). These covers must therefore have been held up by the New Zealand censors for many months.

The first kind of censor tape was used until April 1941 and had the message '*Opened and Passed by the Censor in New Zealand.*' printed once on two lines while the second kind was used from April 1941 until December 1942 and had the message '*Opened by Censor in New Zealand.*' appearing twice (1). The front and back of the September cover are shown in Figures 1 and 2 and can be seen to have sealed using the second kind of tape.





Figure 1: Postmarked in Christchurch 30<sup>th</sup>, 1940, censor tape first applied April 1941



Figure 2: Part of back of cover showing censor number 17 and sender

The reasons for the covers being held up by the censors would seem to be that they were sent by *Short Wave Listeners*. The September cover was sent by a member of the *SWL Club* in Christchurch while the November cover has '*Short-Wave Listeners Cards*' in manuscript on the front. Captain Oxrieder seems to have been an amateur short wave radio operator and short wave listeners would respond by sending cards giving the frequency and where they had managed to pick up his signal.

The 11<sup>th</sup> *Combat Engineers* were a US Army unit based in Corozal, Canal Zone from 1920 until 1943. In 1940 the USA had not yet entered the war and so would have had no restrictions on short wave broadcasts. The situation was, of course, very different in New Zealand and the censors in Christchurch seem to have been alarmed and concerned about what information was being sent and whether it was of use to the enemy.

Both covers have a '*Passed by Censor N.Z. 51*' handstamp on the front. The number 51 is a Wellington censor number (1) and so it appears that the letters were sent there for a decision. On the back is a censor number 17, again a Wellington censor number. Both alphabetic and numeric censor marks on the backs of covers appear occasionally on letters that required special attention

and are believed to have been used as internal signals within the censors office (2). The November 1940 cover has the censor number 23 on the back.

Clearly, some time in 1941, it was decided that any information would now be so out of date that it was useless and so the covers were sealed and sent to Corozal.

#### **Acknowledgement:**

I would like to thank Charles LaBlonde for his helpful comments.

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### **THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT LIFE INSURANCE DEPARTMENT: PART 1**

**ALLAN P. BERRY**

*(This article was first published in The Informer, the Journal of the Society of Australasian Specialists/Oceania, and is reproduced with the consent of the Editor and the Author).*

From time immemorial, gold has exerted a fascination on mankind, with its promise of riches and security for life. Gabriel Reed first discovered gold in New Zealand in payable amounts in May 1861 at a place near Tuapeka, now called Lawrence, in the South Island of New Zealand. The location of that original find is now known as Gabriel's Gully, and there is a memorial in place to the event. Once the news of the discovery was out, prospectors flocked to the area, and the rush was on, with prospectors coming mostly from Victoria in Australia.



Figure 1: A typical cover from Head Office, Wellington dated 1890 before stamps had been introduced. The frank signature is of W. B. Hudson, the Secretary of the Government Life Insurance Department from 1890 to 1920.

Not all prospectors were irresponsible, happy-go-lucky men. Many had family responsibilities, but were living an uncertain and dangerous life in the pioneer days of New Zealand. One such was John F. Garrett, of Lawrence. He had heard of an Annuity Scheme run through the Post Office

Savings Bank in England. It was his enquiry to the Postmaster-General of New Zealand to see if such a scheme existed in New Zealand, which led to the formation of the Government Life Insurance Department in 1869, which went through a variety of titles in its lifetime.

The Government Life Insurance Department, in common with all other such Departments, enjoyed franking privileges in its early days (Figure 1). This meant that items sent through the post could pass 'free' of postal charges, provided that Authorised Officers properly franked them, or they carried superscriptions approved by the Post and Telegraph Department. However, as the Department was trading in competition with other Life Insurance Firms, it was felt that 'free' postage could give them an unacceptable edge in such a competitive field. Therefore, periodic counts of mail were made by the Post and Telegraph Department, and accounts of postage presented to the Government Life Insurance Department for payment.

The system appears to have worked well until 1887, when there was a difference of opinion between the two Departments over the amount to be paid. Much of the detailed correspondence has been lost, but the outcome was that, almost in exasperation, it was agreed that the Government Life Insurance Department would be able to purchase from the Post and Telegraph Department, to prepay postage on their correspondence, stamps that were unique to that Department. Some essays were submitted for consideration (Figure 2).



Figure 2: An Essay submitted for the new stamp design

The stamps were issued first on 2 January 1891. There were six values, halfpenny, penny, two-penny three-penny, six-penny and one shilling. The design is attributed to W.B. Hudson of the Department. It consisted of a stylised lighthouse flanked by the then Queen Victoria's monogram, V.R., with one letter either side of the lighthouse. The frame identified the value in figures and words and the Department, and the letters N and Z were incorporated in the top left and top right corners respectively.

The engraver, A.E. Cousins, cut one die for the central vignette, which can be found in two states. In the first state – lines of shading end close to the right side of the letters V.R. In the second and final state lines of shading end away from the right side of the letters V.R. Proofs of both states were printed in black on thick, white card. The proportion of the first state to be found to the second state is approximately six to one.

From the final vignette die, a matrix die was produced. From this, impressions were laid down on subsidiary steel dies. On these, the frames for each value were engraved. Proofs in black on thick, white card were prepared, as well as some for a few values in black on white, wove paper, notably the six-penny and one shilling values, although I have reason to believe there may be other values. Would readers please advise. Colour proofs were also produced on thick, white card. I believe the full range to be the half-penny value in three distinct shades of blue; the one-penny in

green; the two-penny in two shades of red, one very faded; the three-penny value in three shades of indigo; the six-penny value in two shades of yellow and one orange; and finally, the one shilling in brown.



Figure 2: First State of Cousins Die



Figure 3: Second State of Cousins Die

The six plates required were manufactured at the Government Printing Office. They consisted of four panes of 60 impressions, each of ten rows of six impressions, with top right and left panes, and bottom right and left panes, with a gutter in between, thus 240 impressions to each plate. The Government Stamp Printer did the original surface printing of the stamps on 16th December 1890.

The first paper used is known as the Life Insurance paper, as it was first used for these stamps. The paper consisted of four panes of sixty watermark impressions, each of ten rows of six, with a frame border of a single line around each pane. Double line letters watermark NEW ZEALAND appears in the top and bottom margins, double lined letters watermark NEW ZEALAND POSTAGE at each side. The watermark is NZ over star, with 4 mm between star and NZ. Normally, there would be one NZ over star watermark on each stamp. Perforation was by a comb machine, gauging 12 x 11½.



Figure 5: The Issued Design

Supplies of the three-penny, six-penny and shilling values from the first printing were sufficient to satisfy demand for the life of this issue. Therefore, one should seek dated copies from January 1891 to December 1906, at the end of which month the stamps were withdrawn – the reason for which is to be discussed later.

Turning first therefore to the three-penny value. The earliest dated copy that is in my collection is 27 JA 91. The latest is 6 JE 06.

A number of flaws may be found in the three-penny value. In the top right pane – there is a break in the base of the D of DEPARTMENT – which is found on the stamps at Row 1, number 6; Row 2, numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6; Row 3, numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4; Row 4, numbers 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6; and Row 5, numbers 1, 2 and 5. In the top right pane – Row 10, stamp 2 – F appears for E in INSURANCE. In the bottom left pane – Row 4, stamp 5 – the D of DEPARTMENT is partially

missing. Occasionally, the paper was not placed correctly in the press, and this results, in the case of the three-penny value, in a line watermark at the left.

(To be continued)



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